

## A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1)	Program Operation	State administered, county operated
2)	Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	None
3)	Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	Pennsylvania has 67 county Domestic Relations Sections under cooperative agreement.
4)	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	Yes
5)	Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
6)	Age of Majority for Termination of Support	Age 18 and out of high school. Support can continue beyond age 18 for children who lack mental or physical ability to support themselves.
7)	Statutes of Limitation:	
	• Collection of Past Due Support	No statute of limitations for the collection of past due support.
	• Paternity Establishment	Paternity may be established at any time, up to the child's 18th birthday.
	Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	No
8)	Guidelines	Income shares
9)	Interest Rates on	
	• Missed Payments	No interest charged
	• Retroactive Support	No interest charged
	• Adjudicated Arrearage	No interest charged
10)	Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, wage attachment, contempt, liens
11)	Distribution Scheme	
	• AFDC Arrears	AFDC arrears are paid off in full, before repayment of non-AFDC arrears.
	• Non-AFDC Arrears	Repaid only after all AFDC arrears reimbursed.
12)	Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes. Court holds hearing on failure to pay premium or share of direct paid expenses. If court finds against defendant, these are treated as child support arrears.
13)	New Hire Reporting	No requirement to report new hires.
14)	Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	No

15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	No
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	23 Pa.CSA 7201
17) Automated Locate Resources	DPW, BMV, Revenue, L&I,
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	No. Pa has federal waiver.
• License Revocation/ Suspension	Yes. Suspension of professional/occupational licenses, no drivers licenses.
• Administrative Liens	No
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Worker's Compensation, Unemployment Compensation and Lottery
• Other (please specify)	Consumer Reporting Agencies, garnishment, attachment insurance payouts, retirement benefits.
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders (specify yes or no)	
• Establish	Yes
• Enforce	Yes
• Modify	No, unless requirements met to move CEJ.
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No.

## B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	23 Pa. CSA, chapter 7100
2) Effective Date	April 4, 1996
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	Model Act essentially enacted.
4) Repeal URESA?	Yes
5) Repeal IWW?	No

## C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1)	<b>Income Withholding Terminology</b>	Income attachment
2)	<b>Income Withholding Procedures</b>	
	• <b>State Withholding Limits</b>	Pa. follows federal "Consumer Credit Protection Act"
	• <b>Fee Charged by Employers</b>	2% over and above support paid.
	• <b>Date to Remit</b>	10 days from date paid.
	• <b>Penalty</b>	Contempt and employer may be liable for amount of wages not withheld.
3)	<b>Definition of Employer</b>	An individual, partnership, association, corporation, trust, federal agency, Commonwealth Agency or political subdivision paying or obligated to pay income.
4)	<b>Included Income</b>	Earnings or other periodic entitlements to money from any source and any other property subject to withholding for support under the law of this State.
5)	<b>Excluded Income</b>	Public Assistance, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
6)	<b>Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address</b>	Bureau of Unemployment Compensation Benefits and Allowances Labor and Industry Building Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
7)	<b>Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address</b>	Bureau of Workers' Compensation Rm 104 1171 South Cameron Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17104-2595
8)	<b>Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address</b>	Direct to employers
9)	<b>Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to</b>	Earning not meeting definition in question #4.
10)	<b>Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)</b>	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11)	<b>Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding</b>	Direct income withholding-defendant contacts initiating state child support agency to contest.  Registered order-defendant requests hearing w/in 20 days of receipt of notice at registering court.
12)	<b>Arrearages through Income Withholding</b>	Yes
13)	<b>Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income</b>	Yes
14)	<b>Exception to Immediate Withholding</b>	No, must contact initiating state.
15)	<b>Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities</b>	

• <b>Policy</b>	Policy to be developed
• <b>Priority</b>	Policy to be developed
• <b>Assistance</b>	Bureau of Child Support Enforcement  P.O. Box 8018  Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105  717-772-4940
• <b>Allocation</b>	Yes

## D. PATERNITY

1) <b>Interstate Paternity Procedures</b>	Putative father contacted asked to acknowledge paternity. Upon denial, case is scheduled for court determination of paternity. Blood testing is ordered.
<b>Consent Orders Obtained</b>	Yes
2) <b>Uniform Parentage Act</b>	No
3) <b>Uniform Act on Blood Testing</b>	No, but basic provisions in place.
4) <b>Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support</b>	Yes
5) <b>Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction</b>	No, custody and visitation discussed separately.
6) <b>Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity</b>	
<b>Threshold</b>	Genetic test with 99% probability or greater create a rebuttable presumption. Test may be rebutted only by clear and convincing evidence that the results of the genetic test are not reliable in that particular case.
7) <b>Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)</b>	If mother joins in acknowledgment of paternity, it is conclusive, if mother refuses to sign acknowledgment, this becomes a "claim of paternity" only (requiring court determination).
8) <b>Marriage as Presumption of Paternity</b>	Yes, non-access by husband for 9 months or more prior to the birth of the child.
9) <b>Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of</b>	None. May be used as evidence in paternity trial.
10) <b>Other Statutory Presumptions</b>	No
11) <b>Recognition of Common Law Marriage</b>	Yes, parties must be free to marry, must show intent to be married by presenting themselves as husband and wife.
12) <b>Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required</b>	No
<b>Acceptable Methods of Testimony</b>	Petition, affidavit or document, substantially complying with federally mandated forms.

13)	<b>Long-Arm Statute</b>	23 Pa.CSA 7201
14)	<b>Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes</b>	
	• <b>Service of Process</b>	No. Not all court have personnel for the service of process.
	• <b>Genetic Testing</b>	Yes
15)	<b>Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States</b>	Yes

## E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1)	<b>Interstate Procedures</b>	Judicial establishment procedure used.
2)	<b>Income Considered for Setting Support</b>	Net income from compensation for services, including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, fees, compensation in kind, commissions and similar items; income derived from business; gains derived from dealings in property; interest; rents; royalties; dividends; annuities; income from life insurance and endowment charge of indebtedness; distributive share of partnership gross income; income in respect of a decedent; income from an interest in an estate or trust; military retirement benefits; railroad employment retirement benefits; social security benefits; temporary and permanent disability benefits; workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation.
3)	<b>Criteria for Rebuttal</b>	(1) Unusual needs and unusual fixed obligations; (2) Other support obligations of the parties; (3) Other income in the household; (4) Ages of the children; (5) Assets of the parties; (6) Medical expenses not covered by insurance; (7) Standard of living of the parties and their children; (8) Other relevant and appropriate factor, including the best interest of the child or children.
4)	<b>Support Order for Prior Periods</b>	Date support request filed.

## F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

### I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1)	<b>Enforcement for Non-Resident Family</b>	Same as for those in state.
2)	<b>Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available</b>	No
3)	<b>Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration</b>	Yes, income attachment, contempt, consumer reporting

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## II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Direct income attachment
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	Income attachment, contempt, consumer reporting, liens.
6) UIFSA/URES Registration and Enforcement Procedure	<p>1. Letter requesting registration and enforcement.</p> <p>2. Two copies of order to be registered. One certified.</p> <p>3. Sworn statement of arrears by party seeking registration or certified statement of arrears.</p> <p>4. Obligor's name, address, SSN, employer, description and location of any property.</p> <p>5. Name and address of obligee and if applicable agency or person to whom support payments are to be sent.</p> <p>6. Order docketed.</p>
7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	<p>1. Notice of proposed registration given by first class, certified or registered mail or by personal service.</p> <p>2. Notice contains-notice that order enforceable as order of this state, 20 days to contest, failure to contest prevents later contesting of registered order, arrears.</p>
8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	42 Pa.CSA 4306

## G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	<p>1. As long as this state remains the residence of the obligor, the individual obligee or the child for whose benefit the support order is issued; or</p> <p>2. Until each individual party has filed written consent with the tribuna of this state for a tribunal of another state to modify the order and assume continuing, exclusive jurisdiction.</p>
2) Modification Procedures	Order must be registered in order to modify.
3) Criteria for Modification	Must show material and substantial change in circumstances for the mother, father, or child. These changes must be reflected in the support guidelines.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Significant change in earnings or expenses for either party to the support action, or changes in the needs for the child or children.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Orders are reviewed every 3 years.
6) Criteria for Review	Time or material change in circumstances.
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See #3 above.

## H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

## ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) <b>Controlling Order</b>	CEJ given to home state of the child.
2) <b>Date of Controlling Order</b>	Date of registration
3) <b>If No Controlling Order</b>	Yes, assuming it can assume CEJ.
4) <b>Arrears Procedure</b>	Contact state office, policy being developed at this time.

## I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment  *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  Uniform Support Petition (FSA-201)  General Testimony (FSA-202)  Paternity Affidavit (FSA-204)	1  3  3  1	E  D court or agency  A, B, C  D (signed)
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	Child Support Transmittal (FSA-200) Identification of Pa. county, case number	1	E
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  Income & Expense statement must be completed.	1	E
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  Copies of order  Copies of arrears  Copy initiating state child support law	1  3  3  1	E  A or C  A or C  E
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  Copies of order  Copies of arrears  Copy initiating state child support law	1  3  3  1	E  A or C  A or C  E
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act			
Modification of Another State's Order	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  General Testimony (FSA-202)  Copy initiating state child support laws	1  1  1	A  A, B, C  E
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Child Support Enforcement Transmittal (FSA-200)  Identification Pa. county and case number.	1	E



**\*A=** Notarization by Notary Public; **B=** Certification by signature of agency official;  
**C=** Certification by signature of court official; **D=** Others (please specify);  
**E=** Certification not required

## J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	Robert Barton Supervisor Central Registry P.O. Box 8018 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105 717-772-4940 717-787-9706 (fax)
Central Registry	William Higgins P.O. Box 8018 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105 717-783-9684 717-787-9706 (fax)
Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	Contact State Information Agent
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	All payment processing is at the county level. State Office only processes AFDC reimbursement after it has been received by the local county office.
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Contact local county Domestic Relations Sections.
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Contact local county Domestic Relations Sections.
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no "case" in your State) for	Contact State Information Agent.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service of Process (private process server? If so , list)</li> </ul>	Contact local county to determine if available.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genetic Testing ( e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)</li> </ul>	Contact local county genetic test contact. If assistance is needed with this information contact State Information Agent.
New Hire Reporting Contact	Contact State Information Agent.
Employer Assistance Contact	Contact State Information Agent.
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <b>Status</b> Requests (if any)	Contact local county Domestic Relations Section.

Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <b><i>Payment</i></b> Requests  (if any)	Contact local county Domestic Relations Section.
Privatization Contact	Contact State Information Agent.